Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Thousands of families across South Dakota are affected by metastatic breast cancer; and,

Whereas, Currently no cure exists for metastatic breast cancer, and those with metastatic breast cancer will continue treatment indefinitely with the goal of extending the best quality life possible; and,

Whereas, More than one in eight women in the United States will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer in their lifetimes, and specifically in South Dakota, it is expected that 690 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2017 and more than 110 women will die of breast cancer, nearly all due to metastatic breast cancer; and,

Whereas, In the United States, it's estimated that over 154,000 women have metastatic breast cancer, and this devastating stage of breast cancer occurs when cancer spreads beyond the breast to other parts of the body, including the bones, lungs, liver, and brain; and,

Whereas, While metastatic breast cancer remains incurable, there is reason to be hopeful because of extensive research efforts that are underway to address this high unmet need; and,

Whereas, There is still more research to be done for metastatic breast cancer so new and more effective treatments can be developed, and we are honored to participate in observation of Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day, and to shed light on the devastation metastatic breast cancer brings to communities throughout the state:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 13, 2017, as

METASTATIC BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State